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**Registered Charity**  
**Nº:234216**



DATE

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
2025**

SUNDAY

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

**Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Michael Breen RIP <sup>(CB)</sup> <i>Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> Sheila Kerrigan RIP <sup>(JD)</sup>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>No Services Today</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Ss. Simon &amp; Jude Apostles Feast</i>	9:15am	Sr. Anne Marie Eden RIP <sup>(Srs)</sup>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:15am 6:00pm	Thomas Daly RIP <sup>(B&amp;V)</sup> <i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:15am	Kathleen McClean RIP <sup>(HS)</sup>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Paddy Breen RIP <sup>(CB)</sup> <i>Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> Albert & Teresa Mercer RIP <sup>(D&amp;T)</sup>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> All Deceased Parishioners RIP

**Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes for Children not at Catholic Schools**

Confirmation classes start on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2025** and Holy Communion Classes **23<sup>rd</sup> November** straight after Sunday Mass. For further details, please contact our Parish Catechist **Mrs Philomena Mullins**  
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## Pope Leo

God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. Therefore, even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And if the Church wants to be Christ's Church, it must be a Church in which the poor have a privileged place. @Pontifex Oct 20 2025

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Galvin** upon who's soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

### The CaFOD Prayer Thirtieth Sunday

Lord, you are loving in all your deeds. Support us, when we fall. Lift us up, when we are burdened and deeply distressed. We bless and praise you for your compassion.

### Congratulations to Christopher & Katie



Congratulations to **Christopher M & Katie M** whose marriage was blessed in our church last Sunday afternoon with the Celebration of Convalidation. We wish them both a long and happy married life together. The family wishes to thank **Frs. Craig & Ramesh** for making this possible and a wonderful day,

### Oscott Cemetery Graves Blessing

Next **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at **3pm**. Family and friends of those who are buried at Oscott Cemetery are warmly invited each November to the Blessing of Graves, a commemoration of all the faithful departed buried in our Cemetery and an opportunity to pray for the repose of their souls.

### All Souls Day at 11am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2025:

**Fr. Ramesh** will hold a short outdoor service at **Streetly Cemetery** followed by a Blessing of the Graves. Relatives, friends and loved ones are welcome. It's an opportunity to pray for our dead parents, brothers, sisters and friends.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for October is - **For collaboration between religious traditions** – Let us pray that believers of different religious traditions might work together to defend and promise peace, justice and human fraternity.

### Sick in the Parish

Please pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Maureen Carr, Martin Goodwin, Shaun Smith, Kathleen 'Frankie' Smith, Brendan Shaw, Sheila Plimer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, Jean Watson, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan née Meehan, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

### Whetstone Over 50's

Following a very enjoyable meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst., we now have another great event on the **10<sup>th</sup> November** at **2pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. We have the 'Harmony Girls' (**Helen and Theresa from our parish**) coming along to entertain us with **songs from the shows** etc. Why not come along you will be disappointed? It's £2 plus £1 for raffle

### Remembering the Holy Souls

Kindly put the names of the beloved ones in the envelopes provided. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Return as soon as possible by placing the envelope in the basket provided in the church at the altar. Offering can be placed in the envelope.

## Safeguarding Notice

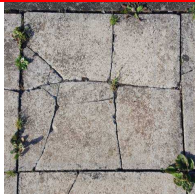
The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: [sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

## Coming Events

Our **Angel Drive** including chips with fish, pie or chicken event is this Friday evening, Friday **31<sup>st</sup> October**. All are welcome.

**A sign up sheet is in the porch for those wishing to attend this fun evening**

## Parking Request



**We have observed** that on several occasions recently, parishioners have parked on the slabbed area against the front of the church. We have a problem with these slabs in that when laid, insufficient hardcore was put down to support them. This unfortunately means that if vehicles are parked there, they crack and break. **We would be most grateful if parishioners could please not park vehicles there.**

**We thank you for your consideration.**

## Craft & Natter



**Craft and natter** will be closed **28<sup>th</sup> October** for half term; we will be back on the **4<sup>th</sup> November** at **11am** as usual, when we will be getting ready for **Christmas!** Everyone is welcome, for more information call me, Christine on 07900 604902

## British Summer Time Ends this Sunday



**Remember to set your clocks back** by 1 hour before retiring this Saturday Evening.

## RCIA Growing the Faith

No **R.C.I.A** as it is Half Term. We return on the 4<sup>th</sup> November when the session will be **The Life of Christ**.

## Second Collections

Our next retiring collection will be next weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> November for the Johnson Fund.

**Remember that you are now able to donate using the Dona card machine in the porch.**

## Machine Donations – July – Sept.<sup>25</sup>

Other details will be published when we have more space.

### Second Collections

Catholic Evangelisation	£ 40.00
Fr.Hudson's Society	£ 25.00

## Piety Stall



**Our Christmas stock is here** but we can also order any specific items you would like e.g. **Nativity sets, Christmas books and bibles for children** etc. Please come and look at our catalogue with us **after the 9.30 Mass on Sundays.**

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 7:00pm Annual Remembrance service in church.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** after Mass, Christmas Fayre. We request donations of wine bottles as soon as possible.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, Fr. Ryan's Induction Mass at St. Francis of Assisi & St. Augustine in Kenilworth. We will publish times when we have them to hand.

**W/E of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December.** Bishop Timothy Menezes will, be making a Parish visit to SMA.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform **Fr. Ramesh** directly in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

### Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels, please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html> - Here you can complete a

'**Baptism Enquiry Form**'. The next available date for Baptism Preparation is:

**7:00pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**

**7:00pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### Collections:

<b>Weekly Standing Orders:</b>	<b>£950.00</b>
<b>Last Week's Offertory</b>	<b>£214.17</b>
<b>Mission Sunday</b>	<b>£486.10</b>

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25<sup>H</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

<b><u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John T
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat & Hugh
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Emma H & Jonathan G
<b><u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Helen A & Elaine A
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Helen</b> (Inc. Louis' Duty)
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Katie C-C & Sue W <sup>Musicians</sup> Phil P

### **Duties During the Week: 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team B.
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann T

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 1<sup>ST</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

<b><u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Shelagh G & Jonathan G	
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry & Brian	
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Chris H & John T	
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M	
	<b><u>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rossella B & Helen C
		<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
		<b>READERS:</b>	Maura & Catherine
		<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Janet W & Sue W <sup>Musicians</sup> Catherine C
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O & Elaine A	
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Frank & Margaret R		

**Reflection:** In today's Gospel parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers those who approach Him in humility. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people; he announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fasts and in giving tithes. This tax collector's prayer, "*O God, be merciful to me, a sinner,*" was heard because he humbled himself acknowledging his sins and requesting God's mercy.

God bless you all.